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Q. Did he perform any duty?

A. No, sir; not that I know of.

Q. Did he do his duty?

A. I do not know.

Q. Do you know Mr. Charles Clement?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he succeed Cummings as second clerk?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Does he still hold the position?

A. I believe he does.

Q. Does he perform any duties in the store-keeper's office?

A. No, sir; he is down to the place every day; there is not much doing there now; he has not held the position long.

Q. He was appointed last year, some time, was he not?

A. I presume he has been there in the neighborhood of six months.

Q. Has this Mr. Clement any other business than that of second clerk?

A. He is a bricklayer.

Q. Has he any capacity as a book-keeper?

A. I do not know whether he is or not.

Q. You say he performs no duty there?

A. He does not; he has performed none on our department.

Q. Do you know whether he continues his business as a bricklayer?

A. Yes, sir, he does.

Q. It was stated in the testimony that Mr. Clement could scarcely write at all. As for his speaking, for him, we imagine, as to the matter of the "do" of last year, Oregon; and if he had come out quarterly before the country on the "slave code" question, would have entitled him to a favorable bearing for the Vice-Presidential nomination at the Maryland Institute Hall. Being himself brought before the Committee, the following colloquy took place between Mr. W. and the witness:

Q. Can you spell "Clement"?

A. I do not know; I have not spelled it very lately.

Mr. Winslow. Try it.

A. I do not know; my memory is poor, and I do not suppose I could spell it.

Mr. Winslow. Well, just try it—Clement.

A. Clement, Clement, Clement.

Mr. Winslow. Go on.

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Q. To whom did you apply?

A. To all the Secretaries.

Q. When?

A. After the law passed; after it became a law.

Q. How soon after?

A. I suppose some ten days after; I cannot say the exact time; it might have been a week or ten days; sufficient time for the law to become printed and known.

Q. To whom did you make your application?

A. I went to Mr. Thompson, to Mr. Cobb, to Mr. Brown, to Mr. Toucey, and to Mr. Floyd—each of them.

Falling to make an impression upon either of the Secretaries, he called upon the President, and thus details what transpired:

"I called the President's attention to this law, and told him that this ought to be given to practical men. He said that the cabinet had had this matter under consideration, and as they had acted upon it he did not wish to interfere. I told him that, in my opinion, the cabinet had acted wrong; that the law required them to give this work to practical men, and they had given it to a man who had no practical knowledge of the business; I differed from their decision of the law, and asked him if I could